

Lane College, Jackson, Tenn.

Prof. J. F. Lane, President

IN Lane College the literary and religious ideas of education are emphasized and harmoniously blended. Founded in 1882 by the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church, it was the first to be made a connectional school of that denomination, and is perhaps the most representative of its denomination in enterprise.



Rev. James F. Lane, M.A.

Bishop Isaac Lane, in whose honor the institution is named, at one time a slave, was denied the advantages of education. Largely through his own efforts he learned to read and write and acquired a good education that placed him in the front ranks among his brothers. After his election as bishop he was impressed with the idea of establishing an institution for the training of the youth of his race. His untiring efforts, splendid leadership, and self-sacrifice brought the results within a few years that stand to his credit to-day, — for it is to him that the institution owes its success and usefulness.

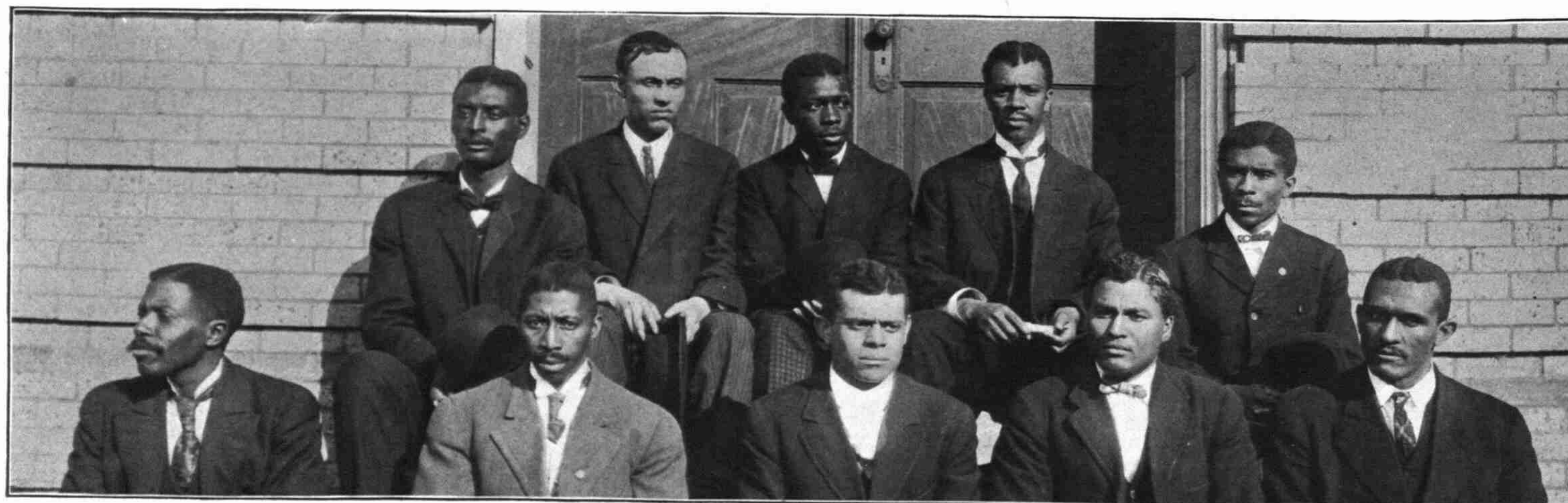
The school began in November, 1882, under Miss Jennie E. Lane, who continued it until January. Prof. J. H. Harper finished the unexpired term.

Location, Patronage, and Equipment

Lane College is located in a railroad and manufacturing town in western Tennessee, where the colored population is greatest and where there is a lack of higher institutions of learning. The college has seven buildings, located on a campus of about seven acres. These serve as administration hall, reading room, chapel, lecture hall, class rooms, laboratories, and teachers' cottage and dormitories. The school owns a farm of about forty-two acres, about half a mile from the institution. It is well cultivated, well watered, and is a large profit to the college. In addition to the regular college, normal, teacher-training, college preparatory, normal preparatory, English, and music courses, the theological course of four years is maintained. Better-prepared ministry is one of the great demands to-day, and Lane College is doing everything possible to prepare the young men for this work, as well as fit others to be more useful in churches, the Sunday-school, the Epworth League, and other departments of religious work.

Some Representative Graduates

During the session of 1908 there were twenty-six young men in the theological class. The college seeks to qualify these students to become leaders in thought. It is strictly religious in its work, and everything else is made subsidiary to this one idea. Graduates of Lane College are to be found in all ranks, — in the ministry, in the school room, as president, principal, and teachers,



A GROUP OF STUDENTS, CLASS OF 1909, LANE COLLEGE